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THREE CENTS

Becomes Headmistress of The Masters School

Mrs. Elliott Speer, who will succeed Miss Evelina Pierce as headmistress of the Masters School at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., in September, was recently honored at a reception given to her by the school's trustees at the Colony Club in New York City. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, who is also well known in Northfield, is chairman of the board.

Writing about the affair in the school's alumnae Bulletin the retiring headmistress said, "During her husband's eight years as head of the Northfield schools Mrs. Speer shared his problems, traveled over the country with him as the needs of the schools demanded, and entertained in her home the interesting, vital people always drawn to its support. Any headmistress would envy Mrs. Speer her opportunity to know the two great Northfield schools intimately. Their ideals have become an enduring part of her; their competent administration a pattern to follow."

Since leaving Northfield Mrs. Speer has been associated with the Baldwin School at Bryn Mawr, where she was head of Residence, and with the Ethel Walker School at Simsbury, Conn., as headmistress. On several occasions she has brought delegations of her students to the Girls Conference, held here annually.

Wilde Listed Missing

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilde of Mount Hermon have received word that their son, Flight Officer Milton A. Wilde, is missing in the European theater of war. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon School and was attending Albion College when he entered the service. After training he received his appointment at San Angelo, Texas, in September, 1944, and went to England in January of this year as a bombardier on a large plane.

Local Boy Weds

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Natalie C. Allen of Reading, Vermont, and Andrew C. Tie, now of Brattleboro, son of Mrs. Eleanor R. Webster, of this town. The wedding took place in Brattleboro Sunday, April 8, with the Rev. W. Robert officiating. After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home at 11 Putney Road in that city where both are employed.

Missing at Sea

Arthur G. Gibson, Jr., signalman 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Gibson of Greenfield, and husband of the former Gladys Edson of this town, has been reported as "missing at sea" since March 22. He enlisted in the Navy in December, 1941, shortly after Pearl Harbor and received his training in San Diego, Calif. He had served in South American waters and for the past year and a half, served about England and France. Recently he had enjoyed a 30-day leave and on March 16 was assigned to a Liberty ship sailing from New York. His wife has no further information.

Men's Federation

The spring meeting of the County Federation of Church Brotherhoods and Men's clubs met at the First Congregational Church in Greenfield Monday evening, April 23. A supper was served with a large attendance and the guest speaker was Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College who spoke on the "Understanding of Americans." He was introduced by the president of the Federation. The Brotherhood of the local Congregational Church and the Fellowship of the South Vernon Church sent a good sized delegation.

Richard Smith Dies Was With Red Cross



Richard B. Smith, formerly of this town, eldest son of Mrs. N. Fay Smith and the late Rev. N. Fay Smith, who was pastor of the local Congregational Church from 1903 to 1914, died in the Doctors' Hospital in New York City on Saturday, April 14, where he was taken for treatment from an illness contracted in the performance of his work in the European theatre of war. He was born in Haydenville December 29, 1897, attended Mount Hermon School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He served for 23 months in World War I. In 1935 he became resident manager of an investment firm in Reading, Pa., where he became married and established his home. He was a member of many of the towns organizations and took an active part in its civic affairs. With the outbreak of World War II, he entered the service of the American Red Cross and became a field club supervisor of its activities in Africa and Italy. In the performance of his duties he contracted an illness which brought about his return to America but from which illness he never recovered. Surviving beside his mother, are his wife, Mrs. Ernestine Smith of Reading, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Roger Dakin of New York; and brothers, A. Fay Smith of Leominster; A. Henry Smith of Swampscott.

Funeral services were held in the Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon, April 18, with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, the pastor, officiating, and among those attending were representatives of the American Legion and the American Red Cross. Burial was in the family plot in Center Cemetery.

William H. Dale has sold his land and buildings thereon to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Goodwin of Greenfield, location of property being on Main Street and Glen Road.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hilliard of West Northfield recently purchased from Madeline J. Carlson of Greenfield about 16 acres of land located near their home.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere appreciation to all friends, who in our sorrow extended their sympathies, in letters, cards, flowers or kindly service at the time of our bereavement in the loss of a son, husband, and brother, Richard B. Smith.

Mrs. N. Fay Smith
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Mrs. Roger Dakin
A. Henry Smith
A. Fay Smith

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Well Known Woman To Aid Anti-leprosy

Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., well known here because of her active interest in the various women's conferences during the summer and in the Northfield schools, has been named chairman of a committee of sponsors for the post-war anti-leprosy program of the American Mission to Lepers. The committee seeks to secure \$500,000 to carry out the plans to train workers to fight the disease, especially in Asia and Africa, where leprosy has increased and spread because of war conditions. On the committee with Mrs. Sibley are Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., of the U. S. Treasury, Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Eilbur L. Cross, former Governor of Connecticut, with many others. There is much interest here in the American Mission in whose behalf local citizens arrange an annual meeting to present its work.

Assessors Announce The 1945 Tax Rate

The news is out and Northfield will have a tax rate this year of \$35 per thousand, which is the same as last year. The assessors have taken the total amount of the appropriations voted at the annual town meeting last February and figuring out the income from the state and other sources, the taking into account the valuations of local properties, found

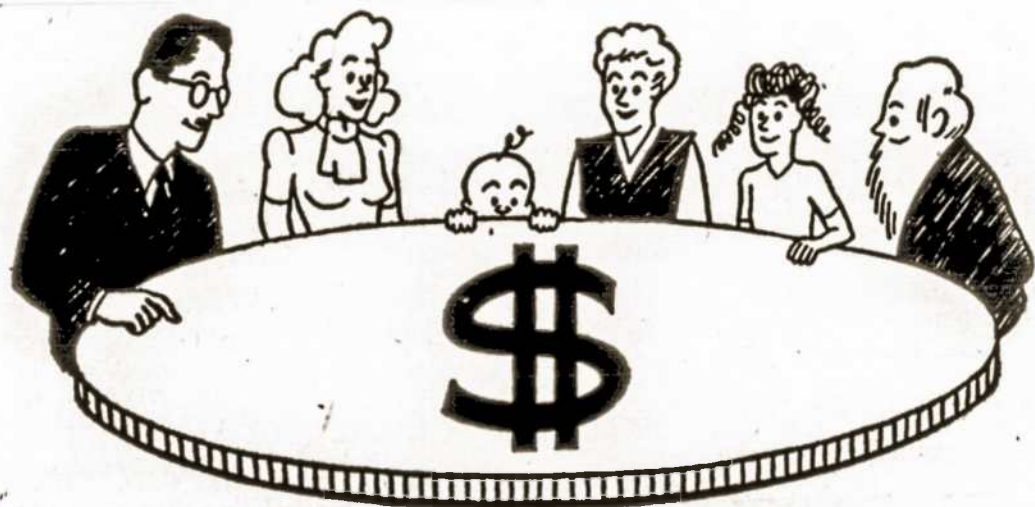
that the rate approved would meet the requirements. The rate has been submitted to the State Department of Taxation and received approval. The local assessors consisting of Fred S. Merrifield, chairman; Ernest A. Parker and Clifford A. Field will soon announce sittings to hear any grievances.

At Memorial Service

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Olds of Winchester Road attended a Memorial service at the First Methodist Church in Somerville on Sunday, April 15, for his brother, Sgt. George Albert Olds, who was killed in action in Belgium December 22, 1944. Another brother, the Rev. John B. Olds, pastor of the church, conducted the service. Sgt. Olds was a graduate of Mount Hermon School and of Hebron Academy in Maine. He entered the service in November, 1942, and

Many from here will attend the Pop concert of the Pioneer Valley Symphony at the Armory in Greenfield Friday evening, May 4th. There will be a fine program for music lovers. Season tickets will admit and single admissions are \$1 including tax. Tickets may be had at the Bookstore or from Mrs. Moody at the hotel.

after training went overseas in September, 1944. He was with the 420th armored field artillery connected with the 10th Division when killed.



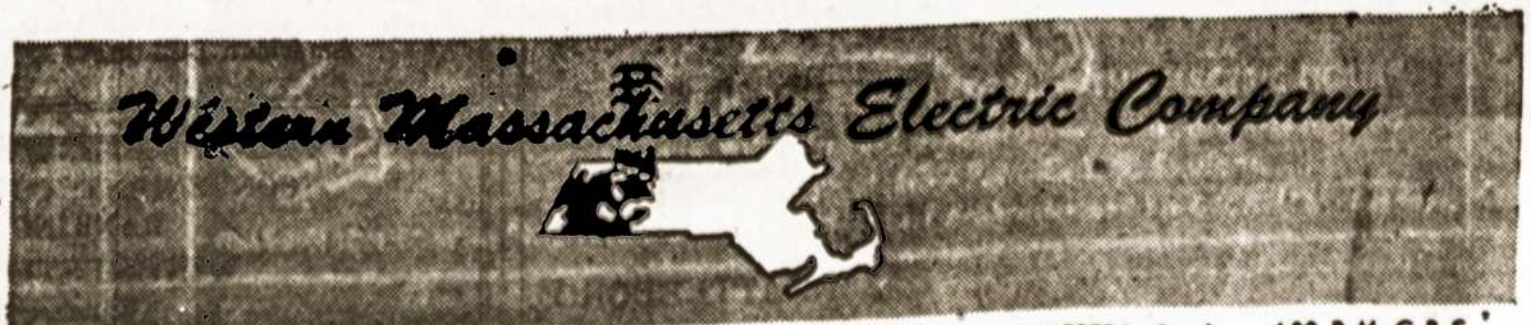
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Town Topics

Mrs. Christine Bailey of Summit, N. J., daughter of Dr. Henry F. Cutler, has been appointed head of East Gould hall, succeeding Mrs. Margaret Davis, who recently became director of admissions.

Sympathy is extended by her many friends to Miss Marguerite Nesbit, assistant librarian at the School for Girls, in the death of her mother, Mrs. A. D. Nesbit of Tekamah, Neb., which happened recently while she was visiting friends in Wyalusing, Pa.

Pan-American day, Friday, April 13, was observed at the School for Girls with an assembly program. Miss Marina Orellano of Chile, a graduate student of Smith College, was the guest and speaker.

Mrs. George H. Sheldon, Mrs. Carroll H. Miller and Mrs. John Mroczek are attending the various sessions of the Extension course in sewing in Greenfield and will conduct the local class at Center School.

Staff Sgt. Grove Deming, son of Grove Deming of Mount Hermon, has received the award of the Purple Heart, having been wounded in Germany while with the 26th Division. He is a graduate of Mount Hermon School and Wentworth Institute of Boston. His wife makes her home in Kansas City.

Pvt. Harold Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams of this town, is now serving with the 9th Army in Germany.

Mrs. George M. Ball of Winchester Road has been spending some time in New York and vicinity, attending to business matters and visiting with old friends, and her son's family on Long Island.

Mrs. Claude Biddle, the former Camilla Rikert of Mount Hermon, is visiting her husband's parents in Kentucky. Lieut. Biddle is in the service in China.

The operetta given recently at Town Hall by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, school music supervisor, attracted a large audience and the participants gave a very creditable presentation.

Town Topics

The Ware brothers conducted a very successful auction at their farm on Saturday, April 21, when stock, farm implements and household furniture were disposed of at good prices. The farm has been sold to the Jewett interests and the Ware will live in the place recently purchased by them on Plains Road.

Pfc. Robert R. Chapin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic C. Chapin of East Street, a graduate of Mount Hermon School, is now serving with the army in France.

A postal card has been received from Sgt. Joseph Butinski by his parents of the Farms stating that he is a German prisoner and was in good health. The card was dated February 13. Sgt. Butinski was reported as missing in France on January 17.

We have had many pleasant days here with warmth and sunshine. The trees are budding and flowers in early bloom, but those who returned from the sunny south during the last week were given a chilly reception. It has been cold with threatening frost and Sunday morning, April 22, there was a light snow flurry.

Capt. Hubert A. Allenby, a chaplain with the army, visited the School for Girls on Friday, April 20, and addressed the young ladies. He has a daughter in the school and two sons at Mount Hermon School. He has returned to this country from service abroad for medical attention.

Miss Lucy F. Jackson of Madison, N. J., expects to open her cottage on the Ridge about May first, when she expects to arrive to spend the summer.

Miss Louise of Newton recently spent a few days at her cottage on the Ridge to put it in condition for use this summer.

Mothers' Day will be observed Sunday, May 13, and appropriate services will be held in all churches.

Chairman Luckey O. Clapp of the local Salvage committee states that during the month of March, 13,350 pounds of paper stock was salvaged as well as 80 pounds of rags, in this town.

Town Topics

Headmaster Howard L. Rubendahl of Mount Hermon school was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Boston-Hermon club in Boston on Monday the 23rd.

The public will be welcomed and no tickets will be required to attend the annual concert of Sacred Music at the auditorium of the School for Girls on Sunday, May 13, at 3 o'clock.

Dr. Mira B. Wilson, principal of the School for Girls, attended the recent meeting of the Hazen Foundation in Hartford of which she is a trustee.

Miss Elizabeth Homet, head of the science department of the School for Girls, was the guest speaker at the recent meeting of the Amherst Nature Club.

Dr. William E. Park was the speaker at the vespers service of the Berkshire school in Pittsfield, Sunday, April 22, and on Sunday the 29th will speak at Lasall Junior college in Auburndale.

Major and Mrs. William Marshall were at their home here for a short time enroute to Texas where he will remain for a month and then return to his assignment at Houlton, Maine.

The Evening Auxiliary held their annual luncheon at the Northfield hotel on Wednesday evening with a large attendance of members. Rev. Mr. Reeves conducted the devotions and Mrs. Frank Manley was the guest speaker.

Dr. Mira B. Wilson will address the annual meeting of the New York-Northfield club at the vesper service in Riverside church in New York on Sunday, April 29. Miss Mabel Darrah, alumnae secretary, will address the Alumnae Council in the morning session.

Mrs. Lloyd L. Miller of Greenfield spent last week end at the home of her son, Carroll H. Miller and family here.

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